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ABSTRACT

Written from both a personal and a professional perspective, this book discusses how parents can help their children learn by learning along with them. Part One, "The Learning-Teaching Parent," encourages parents to participate in the learning process with their child. Chapters in this section are: (1) "The Learning Child"; (2) "The Roots of Intelligence"; (3) "A Learning-Teaching Parent"; (4) "An Easy Way"; (5) "As the Wheels Turn"; and (6) "Math Making Sense." Part Two, "Self-Discipline: The Confident Parent--The Confident Child," discusses how parents can guide their child to self-discipline by establishing self-discipline for themselves. Chapters in this section are: (7) "Watching Television"; (8) "Toilet Training"; (9) "Smoking"; (10) "Feeling Included"; (11) "The Parent as Role Model"; and (12) "Youth and Electronic Power." Part Three, "Free To Be," expresses how a child needs time and space to grow. Parents can create this time and space by considering personal and family time and space at home and away from home. Chapters in this section are: (13) "Learning to Stand Alone"; (14) "Encouraging the Imagination through Stories, Music, and Art"; (15) "Storytelling: An Ancient Activity"; (16) "Time for Your Child and You"; and (17) "Spaces for Your Child and You." Part Four, "Your Child's Language Begins with You," includes a learning journey of a young mother and her awareness of her child's language development. Chapter in this section are: (18) "The Listening-Talking Dialogue"; (19) "The Meaning Is the Message"; (20) "The Joy of Reading to Your Child Every Day"; (21) "Reading Building Blocks"; and (22) "Grammar on the Playground." Part Five, "Learning and Living Together," discusses how parents, teachers, and others cooperate to educate children. Chapters in this section are: (23) "It Takes a Village"; (24) "Parents as Educators"; (25) "A World View"; (26) "The Roots of Culture"; and (27) "Traveling Together." Most of the chapters contain sources for additional information. The book concludes with an appendix listing major educational associations. (Contains 152 references.) (Author/LPP)

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